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H. B. W. AITMAN, Registrar-General. de17

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia.

To WIT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAYOR of Victoria will hold Court at the City Police Court, Broad street, on Monday next, the 23d December inst., at 2 o'clock, p.m., for receiving applications for Retail Liquor Licenses (within the City Limits) for the ensuing Six Months.

Applications for such Licenses must be handed in to the Clerk of the City Police Court on or before Friday next, the 19th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m.

By order, WM. LEIGH, C.P.C.

City Police Court, Broad st.,

Dec. 16th, 1873. de1

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Tuesday, 9 a.m.

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HENRY WOOTTON, Postmaster.

Post Office, Victoria, 30th August, 1871. jal

Notices.

Notice.

URIAH NELSON IS PREPARED TO UN-

The Two Schemes.

During last session the Premier introduced his wonderful dock scheme, and the House, or rather the more susceptible portion of it, was led away by the glamour of the scheme. That scheme was of a three-fold character. After laying down the basis that the guarantee contained in the Terms of Union was intended and presumed to be ample to secure beyond a doubt the construction of a first class graving dock, and that it is certain that the guarantee is insufficient for that purpose, it proceeded to propound three distinct modes of supplying the deficiency.—(1.) The Dominion Government to increase the guarantee on £100,000 sterling from five per centum per annum for ten years to £120,000 sterling, at 7½ per centum per annum for 25 years. (2.) In lieu of the present or proposed increased guarantee, the Dominion Government to construct the Dock. (3.) The Dominion Government to grant to this Province a sufficient sum in cash instead of the guarantee. Let it be observed that there are three points fixed, or at least affirmed, viz.: (1.) The spirit and intention of the guarantee was to make ample provision for the work. (2.) The ascertained insufficiency of the guarantee. (3.) The declaration that £120,000 sterling, at 7½ per cent, for a period of twenty-five years, will be necessary. The importance of these points will appear hereafter. It may be just as well to remind the reader how very positive the authors of this tempting scheme were of its success. The Premier reiterated his assurances that the Dominion Government was ready to acquiesce in the scheme, and he taunted with want of patriotism those members who ventured to cast doubt upon it. The senior member for Esquimalt honestly confessed his want of faith in the scheme and pressed the Government to accept an alternative proposal, so that, in the event of the rejection of their own by the Dominion Government, there might be something to fall back upon and thus avoid a year's delay in commencing the important work. But they would not listen to any proposal; and as for failure of their scheme, such a contingency was altogether out of the question. There could be no such thing as failure. Well, the scheme was carried through the House intact. And what became of it? So far as the official correspondence placed in the possession of the House enables us to judge, it was allowed to remain in the pigeon-hole and was never acted upon at all! It is quite true that, when sorely pressed upon the subject, in the latter part of July last, the Premier related a cock-and-a-bull story about some conversation with Mr. Tilley, wherein the latter was made to say that the Dominion Government concluded to build docks in the other maritime Provinces they would consider the subject of building one at Esquimalt; and the organ intimated that there was every reason to expect an early favorable answer. But the reader will easily distinguish between such conversations and official action by the two Governments. Turning to the evidence of the Returns placed before the Legislature, it would appear that the first action taken by the local Government was towards the end of September, and that was submitting the new scheme; and inasmuch as no allusion is made to any former proposal or correspondence, the conclusion that none had taken place seems irresistible. From all of which it is inferred that when several members ventured to characterise the scheme of last session as a plausible sham, concocted merely for the purpose of tiding over the question for a year, they "hit the nail on the head." So much for the old scheme, which has been proved to be a fraud. We now come to consider some points of resemblance in the new scheme which there need be no hesitation whatever in designating fraud No. 2. And first of all, we invite attention to the trickery surrounding the introduction of the scheme. The letter of Mr. DeCosmos to Mr. Mackenzie is withheld; his hasty note in reply to it is published, and the people are asked to construe its vague and diplomatic words into an absolute promise to give British Columbia a cash sum equal to one hundred and ten thousand dollars more than the treaty guarantee is really worth! Had the tricky Attorney-General, instead of construing Mr. Mackenzie's words to meet his own purpose, placed the letter to which these words are an answer before the House, as was clearly his duty, the people as well as the members might have been in a position to construe the words employed by the Canadian Premier for themselves, and the construction might have been very different from the strained one the Attorney-General and the paid organ are so anxious the public should blindly accept. But, then, that might not have answered the purpose of the local Government, which we take to be to mislead the House and the public by another plausible but impossible scheme. In the absence of Mr. DeCosmos' letter to Mr. Mackenzie, one must seek for light from other sources, and we think a ray may be found in the concluding sentence of Mr. DeCosmos' letter to the Provincial Secretary, covering Mr. Mackenzie's note. He says, "It is due

to the late administration to state that they were prepared to submit a similar measure to Parliament respecting the Dock to that agreed to by the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie." Here we have a key. We have the means of knowing beyond peradventure the nature of the scheme which the late administration were willing to submit to Parliament. It was simply to capitalize the twenty guarantee, give its present market value in cash; and we know through much more reliable channels than either the Premier or the Attorney-General that the late administration positively and finally refused to give one dollar more in aid of the dock than the value of the guarantee. If, therefore, the sentence which we have quoted from Mr. DeCosmos' letter be true, it follows that the proposal which Mr. Mackenzie has promised to consult Parliament about is one to give British Columbia the market value of the guarantee in cash, which, according to the Attorney-General's own showing, would only be \$140,000, instead of the \$250,000, which it is pretended has been promised—rather an important difference, it must be confessed. And, that this is the true state of the case no one who is familiar with the subject, no one who heard the able and argumentative speeches of Messrs. McCreight and Robertson can possibly doubt. But we may be asked, "If that is so, how came Mr. Mackenzie to name £50,000?" But it will be observed that it was Mr. DeCosmos, not Mr. Mackenzie, who put forward £50,000, as the capitalized value of the guarantee, and the Canadian Premier, having only in his mind the proposal to make a "CHANGE in the mode of aiding in the construction of the work," did not concern himself about the figures. And, moreover, this explains Mr. Mackenzie's words, "or some scheme equivalent thereto." If, as the Attorney-General contends, the scheme was to pay a defined sum of £50,000, the allusion to a "scheme equivalent thereto" would be unmeaning. The Attorney-General evidently felt this to be an awkward point when he floundered away in endeavoring to convince the House that an equivalent for £50,000 must be £50,000. This is, without doubt, the sum and substance of the grand scheme with which it was hoped to mislead the country for a second time; and we submit that, bad as the scheme is, considered in itself, the dishonest way in which it has been sought to carry it through is even worse. So, then, the Government dock scheme simply means \$140,000 in cash from Canada, provided the Dominion consent to the "change in the mode of aiding in the construction of the work," which is by no means certain. Where is the remaining four hundred and sixty thousand dollars to come from? for the present Government have affirmed that the work will cost six hundred thousand, and they have tacitly abandoned the Admiralty aid. When members are asked to give their support to such an extraordinary proposal as this, they will naturally ask themselves how they could justify themselves to their constituents for supporting it. We feel persuaded that any honest and feasible scheme for building the dock would meet with a fair and liberal support from Mainland members, even if it did involve a reasonable amount of taxation; but to expect their support to such a fraudulent sham as the present is, we feel quite certain, expecting altogether too much.

THE NEW GOODS lately received by Thos. Wilson & Co., the oldest dry goods firm in Victoria, consist of Hosiery, Estamones and other Dress Materials, Tweeds, Ruffings and Frillings, Lace Collars, Lace and Silk Ties and Bows, Black and Colored Silk Fringes, Dress Trimmings, Swiss Embroidery, Dent's real Kid Gloves with Tassels and 1 and 2 Buttons, new styles in Dark Prints and Derrys.

JEWELRY.—J. L. Jungerman, the well-known Jeweler of Government Street, has, in addition to his ordinarily large and fine selection of fine goods, received by the last steamer, many of the richest kinds of Jewelry of the latest manufacture. These were imported expressly with a view to supplying purchasers for the ensuing holidays. Also, the richest solid silver and electro-plated ware will be found there. Prices reduced to meet holiday trade.

CHRISTMAS MEATS.—Stafford & Goodacre, at their shop, corner of Johnson and Government streets, will make the finest display of beef, mutton, veal, sucking pigs, bear's meat, etc., ever seen in the City, and rivaling in excellence and arrangement the best London shops. The exhibition will be well worth seeing, and no Christmas table will be well furnished that has not upon it a roasting-piece from Stafford & Goodacre's.

New Advertisements.

ARRIVALS AT THE COLONIAL

DECEMBER 29th.

S. Waterman, Thaddeus W. West, Capt. DeGracey, J. G. Loran, James Elton, Mr. Bolebert, J.P. de20

A CARD.

EDITOR COLONIST.—Sir—I want, through your valuable paper, to acknowledge the favor of the "Standard" in his insinuation against Dr. Smithson being "ignored by good society." We certainly are not entirely ignored by good, noble and high-minded men when such gentlemen as the conductor of that very truthful, very candid and well constructed sheet (the "Standard") is found in our company, and reports us to the world in such glowing mood, showing that his head is a little sore on the marriage question. Yours, E. W. SHORTBRIDGE. de30

NOTICE.

TENDERS FOR REPAIRING THE ROAD LEADING TO BRODRICK'S WHARF will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, 3rd January, at MR. DRAKE'S OFFICE. de30

NOTICE.

THE CREDITORS OF MR. J. Z. HUGHES are requested to send particulars of their claims to MESSRS. ROBERTSON & JOHNSON, His Counsel, Victoria, Dec. 29, 1873. de30

To the Electors of Esquimalt District:

GENTLEMEN.—It was my intention to call a Public Meeting in order to ascertain your views as to the policy of the Government with respect to the Graving Dock; but I observed this morning a notice in the "Standard," from which it appears Mr. Cogan has anticipated me. Under the circumstances, in lieu of doing as I had intended, I shall take the opportunity of being present at Mr. Cogan's meeting, when, if desired by you, I shall be very happy to state my views upon the Government scheme. Your obedient servant, A. ROOKE ROBERTSON, de30

Langley at, Dec. 27th, 1873.

New Advertisements.

THE FIREMEN'S ANNUAL BALL

Will be held on Wednesday, January 14th, AT THE Philharmonic Hall, Fort street.

TICKETS admitting Gentleman and Ladies \$3, including Supper. Members are requested to appear in uniform. By order, J. WRIGLESWORTH, Hon. Sec. de18

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Municipal-Tenders.

SEALED AND ENDORSED TENDERS will be received at the City Clerk's office until Wednesday next, the 31st inst., at 5:30 p.m., for the construction of a Brick Culvert crossing Park Road, near Humboldt street. Plans and Specifications can be seen at the City Surveyor's office, daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. By order of the Mayor and Council. W. M. LEIGH, C.M.C. City Clerk's Office, Dec. 27, 1873. de28

MUNICIPAL.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Nomination and Election of Seven Councillors to serve during the ensuing Municipal year, will take place at the City Council Chambers, Broad street, on Monday, the 12th January, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, viz:

Three Councillors for Yates Street Ward, Two " " for Johnson Street Ward.

In the event of a Poll being demanded, the votes will be taken on the following day at the undermentioned places, viz:

For Yates Street Ward—At the Council Chambers, Broad street.

For James Bay Ward—At Government street near Broughton.

For Johnson Street Ward—At Johnson street near Government.

The Polls will be kept open from 9 o'clock a.m. to 5 o'clock p.m.

WILLIAM LEIGH, Clerk to the Municipal Council. City Clerk's Office, Dec. 27th, 1873.

EXCERPT FROM SEC. 2 OF THE MUNICIPALITY ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1873, is hereby published for general information:

"Any male, or female, being of the full age of twenty-one years, who is rated upon the Assessment Roll of the Municipality, and who has paid, not less than ten days previous to the time of the election, all Municipal rates and taxes payable by him or her, shall be entitled to vote in any Ward in which he or she may be registered as a ratepayer." Standard copy. de23

I. O. O. F. NOTICE—THE REGULAR MEETING of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, is postponed until Friday, the 2d January, 1874, at 7½ o'clock p.m. By order of the N. W. GARRY, Rec. Sec'y. de25

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I invite all Miners before purchasing elsewhere to call and see for themselves. de17

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Ladies Work Boxes, assorted sizes, Ladies Inlaid Boxes and Desks, Gents Writing Desks, Tea Boxes, inlaid, Japan Silver Chains with original Coins, Ivory Sleeve Buttons and Studs to match, Camphor Wood Cabinets small and large, Trays, plain, in oval and square, Trays, inlaid, in oval and square.

Also—A Lot of Japan Puzzle Boxes and Ladies' Charms in endless variety

ALSO—FOR CHRISTMAS TREES,

Confectionary in Fancy Toys, Santa Claus Heads, Birds, Images and other neat devices.

Toys! Toys! Toys!

Just received this day, a very choice lot in connection with our large stock on hand; it would be useless to enumerate, as we have everything now complete in that line.

To families in want of Groceries please call and examine our prices.

We particularly call the attention of Families to our stock of CALIFORNIA WINES for the

Christmas Holidays!!

And hope by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

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FRUIT TREES OF FROM 1 TO 4 YEARS OLD.

And Guaranteed True to Name.

Amongst the CHERRIES are comprised the following late introductions:

THE LUELLING, VAUSIKE, LINCOLN, BLACK REPUBLICAN, DOUGLAS PRINCE.

The latter, an extraordinary fine sort, is budded from the splendid seedling of that name in the garden of Mr. Pritchard, of this city.

A Fine Assortment of Island raised

Timothy and Rye Grass and Field and Garden Seeds

Can be obtained at their Seed Store, Yates Street. de12dw

GOOD THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!

TURKEYS, GEESE, FOWLS,

Ducks, Sucking Pigs, and Game of all kinds in Season.

Green and Dried Fruits of all kinds. Almonds, Walnuts, Chestnuts, Filberts, Hazelnuts, Coconuts, Brazil Nuts, Fresh and Dried Fish, California Butter, in 3 lb. rolls, Bacon, Lard, &c., &c.

All of which have been carefully selected and will be sold at the LOWEST REMUNERATIVE RATES, at

FORT STREET MARKET

de18 W. E. TOWNSEND.

Watches,

JEWELLERY AND DIAMONDS,

THE LARGEST, BEST and CHEAPEST Assortment in the Province

SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S Presents,

—AT—

C. REDFERN'S,

GOVERNMENT STREET.

ALSO—A Very Fine Assortment of French Alabaster and Gilt

CLOCKS, All of which will be sold at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES. de12dw C. REDFERN, Government St.

For Sale—To Let.

FOR SALE. THE GOODWILL AND FURNITURE OF The Royal Hotel, Wharf street, conducted for the last 14 years by Mr. J. Wilcox, is offered for sale. This Hotel, well situated opposite the landing place of all the principal steamers, offers one of those fine chances for investment out of which a good deal of money may be made. The only reason for selling is that the owner has other business that requires his full attention. For particulars enquire on the premises. de14

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Grand EXTRA DISPLAY!

LONDON BAZAAR.

Charmingly Attractive Novelties for

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S GIFTS!

Thousands of Beautiful and Useful Things Admirably Suited for Presentation at this Season.

Never before has there been a more magnificent, varied and enormous Collection of

TOYS AND FANCY ARTICLES

DISPLAYED TO THE PUBLIC OF VICTORIA.

A Choice and Select Stock replete with new and elegant designs of Vienna and English Art Manufacture, amongst which are many Unique and Special Novelties.

Pretty Mechanical Devices

REALIZED IMAGINATIONS,

Clever Conceits, Fancy Figments,

ORIGINAL INVENTIONS.

Ordinary articles are tastefully embellished and decorated to please the eye and gratify the mind as well as serve their useful purpose, and include pretty things of trifling cost, and the richest and most graceful elegant productions that France and the Rhineland, Bavaria, the Tyrol and Bohemia can furnish.

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INDIA RUBBER,

Amusing and Indestructible Dolls in Immense Variety.

Dolls dressed and undressed, Dolls laughing, Dolls crying, Dolls talking, Dolls walking, Dolls crawling, Dolls dancing, Dolls asleep, Dolls awake, Dolls in bed, Baby dolls, Wax dolls, China dolls, Rag dolls, Clown dolls, Soldier & Sailor dolls, Highland dolls, Fishwife dolls and every other conceivable kind of dolls.

TOYS, GAMES & PUZZLES.

Horses, Donkeys, Sheep, Goats, Cats, Mice, Cows, Birds, Horses & Carts, Wagons, Omnibuses, Tops, Picture Books, Whips, Ships, Steamers, Building Blocks Furniture, Tea Sets, Farm Houses, Noah's Ark, Magnetic Toys, Railways, Trumpets, Balls, Ninepins, Surprise Boxes, Magic Lanterns, Kaleidoscopes, Solitaires, Paint Boxes, Spelling Games, Drawing Slates, Guns, Pistols, Cannons, Swords, Dissected Puzzles, Rocking Horses.

Vases

In Alabaster, Bronze, China and Bohemian Glass.

Trinket Stands, Toilet and Fancy Ornaments, Papier Mache and Savres China Card Trays, Sealskin and Russia Leather Purses, Electro-plated Tea Sets, Etc.

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F. GRELLEY

OFFERS TO HIS NUMEROUS CUSTOMERS Ex Recent Arrivals, the Largest and Best Assorted Stock of

WINES AND LIQUORS.

CHAMPAGNES:

Napoleon Cabinet, Special Cuvee, Vve. Cignot Pontardin, Grape Leaf, Euxine Cignot, Jacktas, De Paul & Co.

WINES:

Preller, green label, Chianti, Preller, Lomont, Beauvine, Chateau, Valmont, Nuits, Grand, Larose, St. George's, Chablis, Volnay.

WHITE WINES:

LaTour Blanche, Sonoma Wines, Graves, Bourgogne Mousseux, Sauterne.

HOCKWINE:

Rhenish, Stein Wine, Ruediger, Liebfraumilch, Niersteiner, Johannisberg.

LIQUEURS:

Curacao, Absinthe, Maraschino, Vermouth, Irish, Ginger Wine, Rummet, Chartreuse, White and Yellow, Creme de Noyau, Anisette, Cocktails.

BITTERS:

Baker's Bitters, Turner's Stoughton Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters, Orange Bitters, Angostura Bitters, Holland House Bitters, Imperial Bitters, Pipifax Bitters, The Best Bitters.

WHISKIES and GINS:

Bourbon Whiskies, differ: Daly's Whisky, cent grades, Red Case Gin, Hennessy and Martell, T. Hine & Co., Champagne Vineyards, Sazerac, Dubouché & Co., in case and bulk.

Lochnagar, Dunville in bulk; Peppermint, Essence of Ginger; Sherry and Port Wines in cases and bulk; Jamaica Rum and other articles too numerous to mention. de14

STRAYED

CAME INTO THE PREMISES OF the undersigned early in October last.

A Sorrel Filly

With a white face. Unless the owner proves property and pays expenses before Christmas Day it will be sold.

W. MALTBY. de9

THOS. HODGES, Baker and Grocer,

Corner of Douglas and Pandora streets.

BREAD AND GROCERIES DELIVERED

by Mr. C. to any part of the City Free of Charge

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A SITUATION BY AN EXPERIENCED housekeeper to do general housework or cook for a small family. Apply at the Colonial Hotel. de24

Wanted. Goods store. Address in applicant's handwriting. A. B. GRAY, Government St. de19

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ARRIVED.

Dec. 29—Str Caribou-Fly, Wharton, Durrard Inlet
Str North Pacific, Starr, Pt Townsend

DEPARTED.

Dec. 29—Str North Pacific, Starr, Pt Townsend

IMPORTS.

Per str North Pacific, from Puget Sound—22 hhd cattle,
116 sheep, 4 box eggs.

CONSIGNEES.

Per str North Pacific, from Puget Sound—Stafford,
Spriok, Reynolds, Dowdle, Cameron, Levy, Carpen-

PASSENGERS.

Per str North Pacific, from Puget Sound—Mrs. Lang,
C. Wood, wife and 2 children, J. Carpenter, wife and 4 children,
Messrs. Hovey, Spriok, Edwards, Perry, Johns, Mc-

Donald, Godfrey, Grant, Johnson, Calhoun, Kimball,
Mason, Burns, Chisholm, and 21 others.

The Five Ministers.

"It is perhaps needless to dwell on the genuine 'bilk,'
which the Ministers have turned out to be. Just a
few lines of 'grub' at the people's expense—
At least, it appears so to me.
To collar their pay they're quite ready,
Or try their 'work' (if) easy to make;
Should you think that night else engrosses their
thoughts,
Why, that's where you make a mistake.

"There's our Premier now working with might and with
main,
In hope of a 'Cabinet' job,
He'd better make hay while he's got a chance;
From us he has filled his fat 'pob.'
He may 'gas' about Dry Dock and Railroads,
But he'll find his soft-seller won't take;
He'll ask for our change over again,
He'll make a most fearful mistake.

If a circus should want a performer,
We've an athlete who can't well be beat;
At 'jumping' his feats are tremendous,
But he won't always 'light' on his feet.
We've a man, too, who'll dole out a contract,
Or 'Deadhead' a showman, and make
A dollar, while he's about his work,
In that I don't make a mistake.

There's our famed law-expounder, who can't come to
time,
(Narrow to wit) though he tries;
He'd best curb his temper, and think of the need
Of good money in one who lies.
They're all tarred with one brush, and their motto—
'We're men for what we can take,'
If they think that they'll have such a chance again,
Why, that's where they make a mistake.

There's the chap who attends to the Finance,
It's quite in his line I dare say;
Short bits here come in quite appropriate,
For he has but short bits to take;
He tried pretty hard just to double his pay,
But the game didn't happen to take;
He'll soon have to fall back on his green-grocer's shop,
Or I make a most woful mistake.

W. M. G.

Misrepresentation.

We hear that the most shameful misre-

presentations have been indulged in by
certain persons who have assumed to
'educate' (we use the expression of
one of the worthies) the electors of Victoria and
Esquimalt with respect to their duty
in the present crisis. Amongst other
things these gentlemen have stated that
should the Government scheme be upset
another scheme cannot be prepared in
time to lay before the Canadian Parlia-

ment during the present session. To this
we answer that, 'baseless and untrue as
this statement really is, it is rendered
doubtful by the fact that the Canadian
Parliament has been dissolved, and the new
Parliament cannot, possibly, be got to-

gether before the 1st of April. Is not the
only objection of the misrepresentationists
to an alternative plan swept away?

For the Commons.

It has been definitely ascertained that

all the members for British Columbia
will stand for re-election, with the excep-

tion of Sir Francis Hincks, whose chances
would be worse than small. In fact, he
would not receive a half-dozen votes. For
the district represented by Sir Francis,
the following named gentlemen will prob-

ably offer: A. Bunster, J. Booth, D.
W. Gordon and Capt. Clarke. All mem-

bers of the local House must resign be-

fore they can even become candidates.
This will involve the resignation of at
least three members of the present House,
viz: Messrs. DeCosmos, Bunster and
Booth. The elections will take place
about the 1st of February next.

Public Meeting.

The electors of Victoria will be met this

evening by Messrs. McCreight, Trimble
and Duck at Alhambra Hall, where the
Government Dry Dock scheme will be
discussed and the opinion of the electors
asked on this all-important sub-

ject. Rally! Rally!

MARRIAGE.

Mrs. Chamberlain lectured

on the subject of 'Marriage, what it is
and what it ought to be,' before a very
large audience on Sunday. The lecturer
spoke strongly in opposition to mar-

riages of convenience, which take the
place of love. She seems to be a firm
believer in the laws of selection and
pointed from prize quadruplets the
result of the observance of those laws,
to sickly bipeds, the result of their non-

observance. With respect to the present
popular views on matrimony and its bear-

ing on Society, the medium's views are
very radical and not such as the world
will be easily prepared to adopt. The ar-

gument was well sustained, however, and
the lecture appeared to afford those pre-

sent much satisfaction. Last evening
Mrs. Chamberlain lectured on Spiritual-

ism to a large audience, and afterwards
described the spirits present.

DUAL REPRESENTATION DEAD.

The dissolution of the Canadian Parlia-

ment has knocked the double-headed mon-

ster, Duality, on the head. The local Ac-

tivities that after the dissolution of the late
Dominion House no member of the Do-

minion Parliament shall be eligible to
hold a seat in the local House; and the
Dominion Act provides that no member
of a Provincial Parliament can even be-

come a candidate for the House of Com-

mons without first having resigned his
seat in the local House. So, you see, the
Dual Monster is 'snatched' on all sides.

CANNOT AFFORD.

The Standard says

that the Colonist 'cannot afford' to
publish such reports as it gave of the Dry
Dock debate. Our contemporary is quite
right. No respectable paper can 'afford'

to descend to such meanness. Neither can
disreputable little papers like the Stand-

ard, kept alive with public patronage,
corruptly bestowing, long 'afford' to ou-

trage public morals and decency by mis-

representing and misquoting the oppo-

sitions of its masters.

A. N. RICHARDS, Esq., M.P.

This gentleman is expected to arrive here shortly
from Canada.

The new steamboat for Stickeen, will
be built at Trahey's shipyard in this har-

bor.

Requisition.

To Messrs. McCreight, Trimble, Duck and

Beaven, members of the Legislative As-

sembly for Victoria City:

GENTLEMEN, The undersigned, your

constituents, having learned from the
Governor's Speech that the Local Gov-

ernment propose to alter the Terms of
Union with Canada by surrendering a
part of the revenue secured to British
Columbia by those Terms, and also to
surrender the Guarantee of Interest upon
the sum required for building the Esqui-

mal Dry Dock, consider the proposition
of such grave importance that they feel it
incumbent on you, as their representa-

tives, to call a public meeting at an early
date in order to take the sense of your
constituents thereon.

W. F. Tolmie, Geo. Norris, W. J. Mac-

donald, Wm. Wilson, Jos. Wilson, J. S.

Drummond, W. B. McKenzie, E. Forman,
Wm. Newbury, J. Longhurst, Thomas

Garric, Geo. W. Anderson, Geo. Jacques,
M. R. Smith, C. B. Brown, Jas. Fell,

Thos. Shotholt, W. C. Robinson, H. S.

Saunders, Wm. Armstrong, Robt. Plum-

mer, John McDowell, Wm. C. Bryant,
Wm. Muldoon, Wm. Beck, W. Evans,

Malcolm McClarty, Jas. Boyd, James
Ferguson, D. W. Higgins, F. Campbell,
Robt. Finlayson, W. H. McNeill, J. H.

McKay, Donald McKay, Wm. Curtis, Jas.
Lowe, William McCulloch, Jas. Strach-

an, H. S. Jones, A. J. Langley, T. C.
Nuttall, T. L. Stahlschmidt, J. G. Mann,
Wm. Lorimer, Thomas Hodges, T. J.

Burnes.

REPLY.

To Messrs. Tolmie, Langley, Stahlschmidt,

Wilson, Macdonald and others:

In reply to your requisition asking us to
call a public meeting in order to take the
sense of the electors of Victoria on the
proposition of the Local Government 'to
alter the Terms of Union with Canada by
surrendering a part of the revenue secured
to British Columbia, and also surren-

der the guarantee of interest on the sum
required for building the Esquimalt
Dock,' we beg leave to say that we shall
be happy to meet the electors at Alham-

bra 'to-morrow' (Tuesday) evening at 8
o'clock, to discuss the subject mentioned.

We have the honor to be, gentlemen,
your obedient servants,

J. F. McCREIGHT,
JAS. TRIMBLE,
SIMEON DUCK.

Monday, Dec. 29th, 1873.

Licensing Court.

His Worship the Mayor and the Police

Magistrate on the Bench.

The following persons were granted
licenses for the next half year: R. Borth-

wick, A. C. Couves, James Smith, W. E.
Boake, Thos. A. Williamson, James
White, John Holman, Trehart & Hemen-

over, John Collins and John Kennedy.

THE DWYER MURDER CASE. We hear
that the American authorities have acted
in a most unjust manner towards citizens
of Victoria who assisted at a heavy expense
to further the ends of justice. This is
not right. But for the energy and lib-

erality of several Victorians 'Joe' would
even now be at large and as ready as ever
to prey upon the lives and property of
citizens of the United States. We trust
that the authorities on the other side will
bear these facts in mind and reconsider
their action.

IN NEW YORK.—Messrs. Grahame and
Charles, H. B. Co., and Hon. Allan Fran-

cis were in New York on the 10th Dec.
On the following day Messrs. Grahame
and Charles sailed for London in the
Algeria, and Mr. Francis was to leave
after the Christmas holidays for Wash-

ington.

H. M. S. TENEDOS sailed from San
Francisco for Honolulu on the 23d Decem-

ber.

THE steamer North Pacific, bringing
the Overland mail, arrived yesterday
afternoon from Puget Sound ports.

Vocal Music at our Public Schools.

EDITOR COLONIST.—In Mr. Superin-

tendent Jessop's report on Education, after
dilating upon the desirability of the chil-

dren being taught vocal music, he says,
'With the requisite amount of applica-

tion the theory of vocal music can be ac-

quired, and taught by all; and in nine-

teen cases out of twenty it may be master-

ed after the attainment of mature age.'
Such remarks furnish convenient material
to fill up a report; but those who expect
any practical results from the suggestion
here thrown out for its accomplishment
viz, that the teachers at our public schools
should qualify themselves for the work,
will, I take it, be limited to the writer of
the report. A more adequate sugges-

tion for the attainment of an important ob-

ject has seldom been advanced, and as a
plan for general adoption, from the time
required for its satisfactory working, and
other difficulties involved, may be looked
upon as thoroughly unsuited to present
requirements. It is a well known fact
that when the National system for teach-

ing Vocal Music was introduced into Eng-

land, Organists and Professors of Music
had to take some 60 lessons at a guinea
a lesson to qualify themselves as teachers.
In face of such information can he ex-

pect the adequate knowledge from the
teachers of our various public schools.
That the children may be taught, and no
great expense incurred, and that too at
once by some of our citizens acquainted
with the Hullah system, periodically visit-

ing other schools, and from such instruc-

tion, a troop of other teachers spring up,
seems to me much more like a tangible
proposition with such arrangements in
operation. In the course of a twelve
months, many of the people thus taught
would be able to teach others, but if we
wait for the benefits from the plan sug-

gested by Mr. Jessop, the children will
be taught to sing just about the time the
Railway whistle is heard at Esquimalt on
the arrival of the first through train from
Canada. I quite agree with Mr. Jessop
as to the importance of our young folks
being taught vocal music, for as an ac-

companiment to the education now being
imparted, it will doubtless have an eleva-

ting, and refining tendency, and moreover
after thus learning to sing, the knowl-

edge acquired facilitates the acquisition
of instrumental music. But unless Mr. Jes-

sop can suggest some more feasible
scheme than that suggested he may con-

sider the matter indefinitely postponed, and
that the subject of vocal music will fur-

nish matter for many a forthcoming Re-

port on Education.

W. K. B.

The Municipal Council and Class Legislation.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Sir—I notice
that the Municipal Council are dis-

cussing a By-law to make the occupiers
and owners of wharves light and keep
the same in good condition, and for other
purposes. The intention may be a good
one, and would be a necessity in a more
populous town, but under existing circum-

stances, the imposition of such an onerous
duty as that proposed, and only affecting
a very limited number of our citizens,
would be unjust, special and partial in its
operation, and would be class legislation
of the most marked description. This
power is strictly guarded, and withheld in
most cases when the powers and constitu-

tions of legislative bodies are framed, and
when not specially withheld by local enact-

ment, the common law of England is se-

curity enough against class legislation.
Were the Council to compel each house-

holder to light his premises at night, have
rails and banisters to his stairways, and
keep his house in good repair, they cer-

tainly would have more justice on their
side, and more power than they have to
deal in the manner proposed with wharf
property only. The general plan would at
any rate have the merit of bearing equally
on all. Whereas under the by-law it would
be the reverse.

If such a law requires the approval of
the Lieut. Governor, it is not likely that
the Attorney-General, (his legal and con-

stitutional adviser) will recommend the
sanction of such a one-sided measure.

However desirable it may be to have
the wharves lighted, and everything in
first class order, yet let the Council deal
justly with all, and at some future time
embrace the present scheme in a more
general and extensive one.

I believe all who have business at these
wharves keeps them lighted now, and we
seldom or ever hear of an accident hap-

pening. The Council need not be so anx-

ious to lay fresh burdens on the ratepay-

ers. It is bad policy to kill the goose
that lays the golden egg. Let the citi-

zens of Victoria oppose by all means in
their power all fresh taxation of any kind
until we have more prosperity, and let a
pledge to that effect be had from any can-

didate for Municipal honor. Yours,
CITIZEN.

By Electric Telegraph.

THE "COLONIST'S" SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The President
has appointed Caleb Cushing Minister to
Madrid; the nomination was sent to the
Senate immediately on the reassembling
of Congress. Cushing has just had a
short interview with the President in re-

ference to the Spanish mission.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Thos. A. Scott,
President of the Pennsylvania Railroad,
and G. McClellan, of the Great West-
ern, left this morning for Philadelphia in
response to dispatches calling for their
immediate presence, on account of the
strike on the Western lines.

Jay Cooke says, fears of holders of the
Northern Pacific R. R. Bonds are ground-

less, that the road has little debt except
to Cooke & Co., besides its bonds; these
are a first lien upon 11,000,000 acres of
land for which the company has already
patented, they are also a lien upon 558
miles of railroad in actual operation,
which earned a surplus over expenses
last year and must constantly improve,
as it is developing trade by its connection
with the upper Missouri River, besides
its Pacific division connecting the Sound
with Columbia River, must become pro-

fitable. Cooke thinks the present com-

pany will be able to carry on the road
and eventually complete it.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The growing
conviction is that the President will nomi-

nate Pierpont if Williams is rejected.
His failure to nominate Evans, or Curtis,
or Hoar for Chief Justice, is turning the
entire Bar against Grant.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The will of Mrs.
Ben. Holladay, made last August has been
set aside, and her will made in 1871;
which leaves everything to her husband,
has been accepted. There was abundant
evidence to show that when the last will
was made she was of unsound mind.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Barley, \$1 35
@ 1 65; Oats, \$1 60 to 1 80.
The scarlet fever prevails in all East-

ern cities; but in none is the disease so
fatal as in San Francisco.

Scarlatina continues abundant in this
city. During the past week 15 deaths
are reported from this cause, making 70
deaths so far this month against 59 last
month.

J. C. Merrill & Co., agents for the Aus-

tralian and American S. S. Co., report the
steamer Macgregor, will arrive in San-

Francisco, on or about the 19th, and sail
on Tuesday, the 27th. Clyde built steam-

ers, specially adapted to this line, have
been built, and hereafter will be dis-

patched every twenty eight days.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Europe.

The Pope has appointed 12 Cardinals.
... The King of Ashantee still lives.
The Sultan of Atcheen has submitted to
the Dutch. ... Gen. Sickles appears to
have acted in a very irregular manner
and the Virginian difficulty and his
Government accepts his resignation. ...
Emperor William is better. ... Bazaine is
still confined in the Palace of Trianon.
... The Republicans at San Sebastian
are hemmed in by 30,000 Carlists.

Eastern States.

The Sheriff of New York is to be held
responsible for the escape of Genet. ...
Mayor Hall was acquitted—Applause. ...
The U.S. steamer Pinta ordered to Cuba.
Difficultly anticipated.

West Indies.

Insurgents entered the cultivated juris-

diction of Puerta Principe, destroying
everything within reach. They met with
a repulse.

California.

Judge Hager was elected Senator for
the short term.

Canada.

PETERBORO, Ont., Dec. 26.—Brenton,
alias Cox, was hanged to-day for the murder
of Mrs. Paine and the boy Dougherty
in the township of Drummer, in Novem-

ber last.

DORCHESTER, Ont., Dec. 26.—During a
drunken row yesterday between a party
of colored and white men, one of the lat-

ter named Bell was killed.

Mr. Fannin's Report.

(Concluded.)
At Agassiz's Landing.
Occurs the first break in the mountains.
This open stretch of country is partly oc-

cupied, and one of the best cultivated
farms to be met with in the district is to
be met here. The country as far back as
the mountains is lightly timbered, with
here and there open patches of grass and
fern land, and clumps of vine-maple and
hazel-bushes; and very little difficulty
would be experienced in clearing any
portion of it. Soil, dark loam, with clay
subsoil.

Harrison River and Lake.

Along the route the mountains lie in
both rivers closely; and with the excep-

tion of a tract of wet grass land (400
acres), no unoccupied land was met with,
although we ascended the mountains at
different points to obtain a view of the
surrounding country. At the foot of the
lake, to the right, and about half a mile
from its junction with the river, is situat-

ed a Hot Spring.

The steam arising from which can be
seen from some distance as we approach
it. The existence of this spring has been
known for years; but I am not aware that
any particular attention has ever been
turned towards it, or the medicinal prop-

erties of its waters determined. For
ought we know, it may be as valuable as
the hot springs of California, which con-

stantly attract invalids from this country.
The Indians have, for a long time, been
in the habit of using it in certain cases
of sickness, and the plan they adopt is this:
—A piece of cedar bark is placed on the
ground at the edge of the spring from
where the steam is rising, and the invalid,
covered with a blanket, sits in a crouched
position on this bark for hours at a time;
and, if they are to be believed, many cures
are effected. To test the temperature of
the water, we threw in a salt salmon,
which was cooked in a few minutes.

Island Prairie.

Leaving the slough we travelled west-

ward to a lake; thence across the lake to
a valley. The extent of this valley is
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